KESC's loadshedding continues

By Our Reporter

KARACHI, Dec 31: There was no respite from loadshedding for Karachiites on the last day of the year as the KESC was unable to generate the require energy and WAPDA did not provide the back-up support despite minister Gohar Ayub's assurances.

Loadshedding was carried out in various parts of the city in the morning owing to lack of sufficient generation. Around 5.10pm the KESC shed 86mw in the industrial and 38mw in the residential areas. By 7pm the loadshedding increased to the tune of 146mw in the industrial areas. Residential consumers were subjected to 58mw of loadshedding.

A spokesman for the KESC said there was no backup support from WAPDA though the federal minister for water and power had said that WAPDA had been directed to provide at least 100mw to the KESC.

The duration of loadshedding in various parts of the city varied between two and three hours in the morning and again in the evening.

The KESC could not promise when the ordeal would be over.

CORPS COMMANDER: Corps Commander Lt Gen Muzaffar Hussain Usmani has directed the Karachi Electric Supply Corporation to accelerate the process of recovery of its outstanding dues and initiate effective measures to improve the internal working also, adds APP.

He issued the directive at a briefing by the advisor for Implementation, Brig Khurshid Alam, held to apprise him about the KESC's working with special reference to outstanding dues and their recovery.

He was informed that a special recovery drive had been launched simultaneously in the KESC's all the 20 billing zones duly reinforced by army, police and security personnel to conduct raids against defaulters.

Meanwhile, the KESC has requested the consumers to clear their dues without any delay to avoid embarrassment and action as per new the ordinance.

The KESC said that all possible concession would be given to those who voluntarily came out for payment.

It said if a premises was once raided, the dues would be recovered in lump sum and no concession in payment would be allowed besides legal punitive actions.